

## JAP SUGGESTS AN IMMIGRATION BAN

Barring of Nipponese Is Offered as Base to Solve Problem

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—Kotaro Mochizuki, member of the Japanese parliament, who attended the conference at Washington and returned to Japan from President Harding, sent the following message to the American executive before sailing on the Albatross.

"Before leaving your country today, with joy and happiness, I tender to you, my dear Mr. President, my heartfelt respect as a witness to your country and Japan. There are more things still to be adjusted under your leadership, such as, for instance, the situation of Hawaii and the immigration problem in California. With your lofty and noble ideas of statesmanship, I hope you will give justice to Japan for our people in Hawaii and California. Praying for your good health for the sake of the peace of the world at large, I say adieu."

Mochizuki said he would suggest as a settlement of the Japanese immigration question, assurances that the Japanese seek more respect treatment similar to Europeans and an increased agreement by Japan to forbid further immigration.

## Spaniards Practically Immigrant Aliens

WASHINGTON.—Spaniards and those of Spanish blood, like the Cubans, are practically barred as immigrant aliens to the United States under the 3 per cent immigration law.

Spain's quota under this law, based on the 1910 census of Spanish alien population of the United States, is 663 immigrants a year. During the year preceding application of the 3 per cent law Spanish immigrant aliens admitted numbered 23,696.

**Bank Declares a Dividend.**  
MALESTER, Dec. 24.—Malester's prosperity is reflected in the financial conditions of its banks. At a directors meeting Thursday night a 10 per cent dividend was declared by the First National bank, payable January 2. This bank paid a similar dividend on July 1.

**Old-fashioned Hailstorm.**  
MALESTER, Dec. 24.—The hardest hailstorm that has occurred in many months visited this section Friday afternoon. The rain continued for several hours, gutters and storm sewers were taxed beyond their capacity and many basements were flooded.

## The Dread Kalauna Ahyeliski

By the Tahlequah News Service.  
TAHLEQUAH.—The new old legends of the Cherokee contain no story more weird and unknown than that which relates to the Kalauna Ahyeliski—the "Raven Mockers" or "the ones who rob the dying man of his breath and take away his life."

The Mockers may be of either sex, but are no wrinkled, withered and old in appearance that no one is able to distinguish one from the other. Their venerable appearance is due to the many lives which they have taken and added to their own, thus making it possible to live indefinitely, unless they are recognized, when death comes to them, within the space of seven days and nights. With all their terrible power it is absolutely impossible for them to escape death once they have been overtaken taking or have been caught in the act of taking away the life of another ready to devour the heart. The latter they extract from the body and leave no trace of their method of extracting.

In the still darkness of night when some one is very sick and lying weak and quivering on the mysterious border line between the seen and the unseen worlds, the Raven Mockers proceed to take away the life. His flies with rapidly through the skies in ominous shape. His arms are outstretched like unto wings, and sparks trail along behind him. There is a sound as of a rushing and powerful wind and as the Mockers this time through some he utters a fearful cry—the cry of the raven as he dives into the depths of the air—nothing at all like the ordinary cry of the dark-hued fowl. Those who hear are sore afraid. They know that somebody's life may soon be taken away, that within a brief period of time the body of a relative or friend may lie cold and still.

When the Mockers arrive at a home he will find others of his kind waiting there, and unless there is a man who knows the right medicine and knows how to drive the Mockers away, they will enter the house and with rapid motions take away the life of the prostrate sufferer. They torment the sick. Sometimes they lift them bodily from their beds of pain and fling them with violence to the floor. The relatives of the sick man think that he is struggling for breath or has fallen out of bed in the agony of pain, because the ordinary person is not able to see a Raven Mockers.

So soon as the Raven Mockers have taken away the life of a person they lose no time in taking the heart from the body. No one in the house sees them and there is no scar left on the body, but the heart is gone. Only one who has the right medicine can see a Raven Mockers, and that medicine must be powerful. If such a person strolls in medicine remains in the sick room the Raven Mockers are afraid to enter. They realize that if they

are ever seen and recognized in the shape of human beings they must die in spite of all their efforts. Long long ago there lived a powerful man who possessed the strong medicine. This brave man was named Gun-shal-iki, and he personally slew several Raven Mockers, thus earning the gratitude of his countrymen throughout unknown nations to come.

When the relatives of a person who is very sick begin to lose all hope they try very hard to secure some one with the right medicine to stay close beside the sick man or woman, to watch the body when death comes, so that the Raven Mockers will be prevented from stealing away the heart. No attempt is made after burial, but as long as a body is above the ground there is danger that it will be done. Other scallies or witches are greatly afraid of the Raven Mockers and on no account enter the house where they may be. Ti-kaw-ee-ko, a man who possessed the right medicine and in strong quality, was once watching by the side of a very sick person and saw scallies on the outside trying to gain entrance to the room. Suddenly the awful cry of a Raven Mockers sounded overhead and the scallies "scattered like little birds when the great hawk swoops down." When a Mockers dies the other scallies are very glad. They take revenge by dragging up the body and scattering it, wearing looks of intense hatred all the while.

There was once a man who had been away on a hunting trip on his way home, but when darkness fell he could not complete his journey in the darkness, so he looked about for a place in which to rest and sleep. After some time he came to a cabin in the deep woods, but there was no one within, though a fire smoldered on the hearth. Thinking the owner of the cabin had gone to a spring for water, the young man entered the room and lay down in a corner. The room was very comfortable and as he was tired and sleepy he soon was very near in the arms of sleep, but suddenly there was the cry of another Raven Mockers and then the old man mumbled to himself, "Now my woman is coming." Then an old and withered woman entered and sat down by the old man. "What luck did you have?" she asked. "I got what I went for," said the old man, "but what did you do?" said the old woman. "I did nothing; there were too many doctor men watching in the room." "You never have any luck," said the old man, "but take this and cook it and let's have something to eat." Then the old woman fixed the fire and soon the young man smelt meat cooking. Being hungry, he thought he had never smelt sweeter meat and he

peeped out of the corner of one eye and saw that the old woman held a heart on a sharp stick over the red hot coals. He knew that he was in a room with two Raven Mockers and he was greatly afraid. Cold sweat stood on his face and forehead and he felt a sinking of the heart, as when the tobacco is too strong. So he lay very quiet and hoped that he would not be seen. But the old woman grew nervous. "There is somebody in the house," she said to the old man, but he scoffed at her, but still she muttered that they were not alone and then they both brightened up the fire and soon the room was light and there lay the young man in the corner. The old man made a noise at the fireplace but the young man stirred not. Then the old man got up, went across the room and shook the huster, who arose rubbing his eyes and yawning.

Daylight was now near at hand, so the old woman went out into another room and started to get breakfast but as she worked the young man heard her crying and crying. "Why," said he to the old man, "does your old woman cry to me?" "Oh," replied the old man, "she has lost dear friends of late and her heart is very sad." But the young man knew that he had heard her and the old man talking. Soon breakfast was ready and the old man passed only a bowlful of corn mush before the young man. "We have had no meat in several moons," he said, "this is all we can offer you."

When he had eaten the mush the hunter departed, but the old man came running after him. He gave the young man a present of beaded

work. "Say nothing of what you heard last night," he said, "my old woman and I are often quarreling in that way." The young man threw the beaded work into the first running stream he came to and made his way rapidly toward his home. As soon as he reached the settlement he told his story and a number of brave warriors armed themselves and started back with him for the purpose of killing the Raven Mockers. But when they reached the cabin in the wild forests the old man and woman lay very dead. Seven days and nights had passed since the young man had heard them talking and there was for them no escape from death. So the warriors burned the house with the bodies of the two dead Raven Mockers therein and then departed for their homes in the distant settlement in the valleys of the great mountains.

**Poll Tax Delinquents.**  
Special to The World.  
MIAMI, Dec. 24.—It appears that there are forty or fifty men in this city who failed to pay their poll tax within the required time, and will suffer the penalty, according to information filed in police court recently by city attorney, Frank W. Nesbitt.

**Auxiliary to Red Rose.**  
Special to The World.  
STILLWATER, Dec. 24.—The "Blue, Blue Violet," a sort of "women's auxiliary" to the "Red, Red Rose," school men's secret order, has been organized here with the purpose of becoming a statewide organization. The "Blue, Blue Violet" will be in working order, it is said, for activity during the state teachers meeting.

A French scientist's process for producing steel direct from ore within less than five hours has been developed on a commercial scale.

## BANK STAMPEDE FAILS TO HALT

Five State Concerns Ask for National Charters and Many Given

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The stampede away from the Oklahoma state banking system because of the enormous guaranty clause continued today, when Comptroller of the Currency Cressinger announced that he had received five new applications from state banks wishing to be converted into national banks. Cressinger approved an application to convert from the sixth Oklahoma bank and issued a charter to a seventh. Each of the banks concerned has a capital of \$25,000 except the First State bank of Tahlequah, which has a capital of \$50,000. The banks applying for permission to convert were Cotton Exchange bank of Leedy; Elk City National bank of Leedy; Elk City State bank to be City National bank of Elk City; Wellston State bank to be Wellston National bank; Aline State bank to be Clarke National

bank of Aline; First State bank of Tahlequah to be Liberty National bank of Tahlequah. Cressinger approved an application to convert from the First State bank of Dewey, which will become the State National bank of Dewey. A charter was issued to the State National bank of Weleetka, which was formerly the Weleetka Guaranty bank.

## Professional Hobo Fast Disappearing

SAN FRANCISCO.—The old-time professional hobo is disappearing. A new generation, ranging from 20 to 30 years of age has taken his place—but the new generation lacks the finesse at the art of hoboing that was distinctive of the old timer. The oldtime hobo is disappearing, giving place to a younger generation, said Dan O'Connell, chief special agent for the largest railroad operating in the west, under whose direction no less than 19,634 hoboes were put off trains on the railroad's system during the month of October alone.

"The number of hoboes this year is greater than during any previous period in the company's history," said O'Connell.

"The old timers, with their blankets, are found more infrequently. The newcomers in this class are

not so wise to the ways of hoboing, and many lives are lost.

"The percentage of fatalities to injuries is much greater in the case of persons beating their way on trains than in the case of accidents to railroad employees," according to R. J. Clancy, a railroad official in charge of safety work. "The practice of stealing rides is highly dangerous, and the danger is not generally appreciated. If such trespassers meet with accidents the chances are that they will be killed, or maimed for life."

## American Youth Worse

DETROIT.—American-born youths in Detroit commit more crimes than those of foreign birth, Paul H. Voorhees, prosecutor, declares.

"Of the 153 cases of boys under 21 placed on probation this month 124 were American and 21 were foreigners. This despite the fact that 79 per cent of Detroit's population is composed of persons of foreign birth or parentage," he said.

## Just an Oversight.

SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.  
MIAMI, Dec. 24.—Effecting an entrance into the Jackson drug store on South Main street early Monday morning by prying open the front door, burglars took from the cash register a small sum of money, leaving a few dollars, which they evidently overlooked in their haste.



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